



ALTERED LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS - PEDIATRIC (Less than 15 years of age)

I. FIELD ASSESSMENT/TREATMENT INDICATORS

- Patient exhibits inappropriate behavior for age.
- History or observation of an Apparent Life Threatening Event (ALTE).

II. BLS INTERVENTIONS

- Assess environment and determine possible causes for illness.
- Axial-spinal stabilization, if clinically indicated.
- Oxygen therapy, if clinically indicated.
- Airway management, as indicated (OPA/NPA, BVM Ventilation).
- Obtain patient temperature. Begin cooling measures if temperature is elevated or warming measures if temperature is decreased.

III. LIMITED ALS (LALS) INTERVENTIONS

- Establish advanced airway as needed.
- Obtain vascular access.
- For symptomatic hypotension with poor perfusion, consider fluid bolus of 20 ml/kg of NS not to exceed 300 ml NS.
- Obtain blood glucose level, if indicated administer:
 - Dextrose per ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication - Standard Orders.
 - May repeat blood glucose level. Repeat Dextrose per ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication - Standard Orders if indicated.
 - Glucagon per ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication - Standard Orders, if unable to start an IV.

- If suspected narcotic overdose with severely decreased respiratory drive administer:
 - Naloxone per ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication - Standard Orders.
- Base hospital physician may order additional medication dosages and additional fluid boluses.

IV. ALS INTERVENTIONS

- Establish advanced airway as needed.
- Obtain vascular access and place on cardiac monitor.
- For symptomatic hypotension with poor perfusion, consider fluid bolus of 20 ml/kg of NS not to exceed 300 ml NS. May repeat twice for continued signs of inadequate tissue perfusion.
- Obtain blood glucose level, if indicated administer:
 - Dextrose per ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication - Standard Orders.
 - May repeat blood glucose level. Repeat Dextrose per ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication - Standard Orders, if indicated.
 - Glucagon per ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication - Standard Orders, if unable to start an IV.
- If suspected narcotic ingestion with severely decreased respiratory distress administer:
 - Naloxone per ICEMA Reference #7040 - Medication - Standard Orders.
- Base hospital physician may order additional medication dosages and additional fluid boluses.

V. REFERENCE

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>
7040	Medication - Standard Orders